

the whole building, and so endanger the safety of the central portion of the city. Shortly after midnight, when at length the firemen could venture inside, they found that the central part had suffered most, the straw-packed cases of beer, wines, capes, etc., having been in most cases destroyed. The thick partition walls, fortunately, had saved the oil and tar from igniting, and the block from destruction. The rope had suffered to some extent, and the water had necessarily made great havoc. The store itself was comparatively little injured, the fire having been mostly confined to the ceiling at the back, and to the goods in the loft. A portion of the private apartments in Melchers' office, overhead, was also burnt. The firemen continued to pour water into the godown throughout to-day.

The stock in Blackhead's store was valued at \$70,000, and Mr. Hobbs roughly estimates that two-thirds of it are destroyed or spoiled. The offices having risks on the building are the Lancashire Fire (Arnold Karberg and Co.) \$17,000; Transatlantic Fire (Siemens) \$17,500; Hamburg (Siemens) \$17,500; Royal Exchange (Butterfield & Swire) \$20,000; China Fire Insurance Co. \$10,000; and Commercial Union (Gibb Livingston & Co.) \$10,000; in all \$93,500. The origin of the outbreak is only a matter of theory. A few feet from the godown door is a matchbox where the coolies employed in preparing the site of the Hotel annex took their "chow," and at the other corner of the ground is a steam crane. Sparks from either fire, flying through the grating, may be responsible. We cannot learn that any of the Chinese firemen are suspected of having committed several thefts in the surrounding offices, several articles of jewellery and a gold watch and chain having been missed. A magisterial inquiry will be held on Friday by Mr. Robinson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

BRITISH SHIPPING FLAUS: BRIBERY AND CARELESSNESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR,—A copy of your valuable paper of the 16th instant has just reached me in which I observe, with deep interest, that Captain Hansen of the bark *G. H. Whopps* was tried before the Magistrate in the Police Court in your Colony and fined \$50 for sailing from Hongkong in April last without a duly certificated mate on board his command; with another fifty added to falsifying his log.

From the Magistrate's judgment it is clear that Captain Hansen had been carrying an able seaman as mate for upwards of eighteen months all about the coast of China. This shows that he had been clearing his ship at British Consulates in certain twenty ports in a manner which throws the greatest discredit upon consular officers, who either don't know or don't care two straws what the shipping laws stipulate for in connection with the so-called proper officering of British ships. All they want, apparently, are the fees for "clearing" the ships!

In the case of the *G. H. Whopps* it is as clear as daylight that all the captain wanted was to get the certificated mate, John Duff, to merely "sign on" the articles so that he could get away from the waters of Hongkong without difficulty with the harbour authorities. One of our Hongkongers felt sure of experiencing no difficulty with Consul Parker at Peking. The fact is, however, that his estimate of the facility for evading the law there was based upon good grounds there would seem to be no doubt whatever, for in evidence it was proved that he succeeded in "bluffing" Consul Parker into inflicting an entry on the articles that "John Duff never joined the ship," whereas, as a matter of fact, that officer never had a fair chance to join. Consul Parker, it seems, "cleared" the *Whopps* without a certificated mate, in absolute contravention of law, which he is paid to see observed to the letter.

But this is not an isolated case by any means. It has been going on for years past all over the coast of China and Japan, and is an utter disgrace to the authorities concerned.

Captain Rumsey, the Harbour Master, who succeeded in "fixing" this German skipper of a British bark, has done well indeed, for he has exposed thereby a rotten state of things which cannot too soon be remedied. Carelessness on the part of British officials to go so far, in fact, as to almost lead to a reasonable assumption that without the addition of a dollar or two being "put in the way of" interested parties such malpractices could not exist and flourish.

As a man of considerable experience in Eastern seas I write thus to call attention to the matter in the hope that the Board of Trade, and Mercantile Marine Officers, will give the subject their prompt and earnest consideration, and make an example of delinquents. The day should now be past when captains, acting under instructions from owners and agents, can turn unceremonious men into "officers of the watch" at sea, in direct contravention of a law which, although wholly unsuitable to the times, nevertheless makes it necessary for every British ship of over 100 tons burden to carry "at least one certificated officer in addition to the master." The law should read "at least four certificated officers besides the master," but that is something which will come if it mistake not, in the near future. It is certainly very necessary in view of the increased number and speed of steamers plying in all parts of the world. The old shipping law of 1854 is, in short, a scandalous disgrace to those whose lethargy permits it to remain as the mariner's guiding star in shipping matters.

Another point which should not be lost sight of in this controversy is the matter of half-owned barks. "run" under German ownership and management from this port are under the British flag. Their commanders are Germans or else Scandinavians, and their chief owners—well, I need not go into details on that head. Now, it must not be supposed that these are the only vessels on the China coast under the British flag which are not, shall we say, fully owned by Englishmen—far from it. There are dozens of lorches, schooners, and steamers sailing about the coasts of China, and in and out of Hongkong and Singapore also, under the British "flag," which are solely (in some case only partly) owned by Chinese, Germans, Danes, Swedes, Italians, etc. And why? Well, because they can rub along better under the British flag than any other—the officials of the British consular shipping offices are most complaisant men to get along with. Under the British flag they can put anyone in command, anyone as officers, anyone as sailors, anyone as engineers, anyone as quartermasters; in fine, they can do pretty well as they please! They can have a German skipper at a reduced rate of pay, they can turn some uncertificated forecable "hand" into acting mate and boatswain, they can make a quarter-master take his watch at night as acting second mate, they can put first class boiler makers or "greasers" as acting engineers, they can go to sea grossly under-manned, and they can "bluff" British consuls into the belief that they're "done their utmost to get hold of properly certificated men," or that "it really won't pay to have certificated men aboard!"

In the belief that the day has now arrived when these things should not be, and in the hope that you, sir, will favour me with space in your esteemed columns for this "show up," I have thus, at length, gone into this unpleasant matter, and thank you in anticipation for publishing it.

Yours faithfully,

A BRITISH MASTER.

Shanghai, 30th August, 1890.

TO CONFUCIUS.

Majestic fossil from a distant age,
Vell'd in the darkness of iniquity,
Thou whom this pig-tailed race regards as sage,
Confucius, I would have a word with thee!

Oh master-mind (where minds are mostly small);
Oh nucleus of knowledge, wisdom's egg!
Wherefore and when didst thou discover all
The things we learn of thee through Mr. Legge?

I've read a portion of thy statements there,
And I must own, Confucius, I've been bored—
In my barbarian eyes thou dost appear
(Excuse my frankness) somewhat of a fraud.

Perhaps it is because since first I came
To China, I have regularly heard
Three times a day, at least, thy blessed name;
Be thou quoted at from thee, and oft referred

To thy philosophy as the excuse
For aged customs, barbarous and tough,
For humbug, fecklessness, and rank abuse,
All came from thee. But I have had enough

Of thee, and of that other learned bird
Mencius, whose mother (somewhat famous too)
Seems, to my mind, to have distinctly erred
In substituting counsel for bamboo.

Yet Jones and Brown (who have not read a line
Of all thy rubbish) swear by thee and say
Thine is the world's opinion—I have miled
And here I set it down: that all Cathy

Has been for ages one gigantic squeeze,
That, knowing this small truth, thou didst contrive
By homed word and bribe that it should please
Pecant authorities to keep alive

Thy works by making them "for use in schools,"
Classics wherein too "superior man,"
With spicery verbiage and his *chün-fai* rules,
Is made a model for the sons of Han.

Look down the ages now, great Kung, and smile
Upon thy teachings and thy great disciples—
They quote thee by the yard, these sons of guile,
Thy maxims sweeten every squeeze and fraud.

Master, when all is said, o! somehow feels
"Twere passing good couldst thou have been content
To tell us of the 'ginger' at thy meals"
And how no net with three a-fishing went.

"TUNG CHIA" in Chinese Times.

SHENSI NOTES.

SING-AN FU, 26th July, 1890.

The Hankow mails arrived late on account of the heavy rains that prevailed here this month. It has struck old inhabitants of Shensi that since the great famine the climate of this province has completely changed. Formerly the summers were dry, but now they are invariably wet. The consequence is that the high ground north of the broad river Wei, which cuts the Sing-an Fu Plain in two, has gained in value, while the land in some of the districts on the south, between the Tsiang Lin mountains and the river, what with rains and inundations, has lost in value seven and eight fold. I have heard of people drawing water at the mouth of their wells, which shows the soaked state of soil. The rains are driving the people out of the mountains, where during the winter there was quite a disastrous famine, the potato crop having completely failed and even turned to poison. Without potato seed I don't know how the people will do next winter. If the drought thought come to any of your readers sending some potato seed or the price of it to the Procurator of Catholic Missions (Mons. Melgnot), Shanghai, or better still to the Procurator at Hankow, for the Shensi mountaineers, the humanity and charity of the Europeans would be for the thousandth time demonstrated.

I announced last time that the Mongols here were boycotting the Mohammedans. Time, however, has healed wounded bodies and wounded feelings, and without a Balfour or coercion the old ways of peace have come back. About three weeks ago two English gentlemen of the Baptist Mission, Mr. Shorrocks and Mr. Evan Morgan, passed here on their way to Tai-yuan-fu (Shansi). We happened to be three nationalities in Sing-an Fu at the time, the Italian Bi-hop of Northern Shensi, with French and English missionaries. The encounter with Europeans was very agreeable to us all. The gentlemen in question visited the famous Nestorian or Catholic monument outside the Western gate. They were disappointed at not being able to obtain nice copies of the stone. The fact is, it is not so easy as formerly; the bones who are in charge have established a monopoly, and it is only in the cold season that copies are taken and at an elevated price. If any of your readers should wish for a copy or copies, please address the Catholic Priest, Sing-an Fu, Shensi, care of the Catholic Missions, Hankow, and he would endeavour to obtain them at the lowest possible price. They stated last time 600 *sepiaks*, but I think that would be too much. Fix a limit. He could be reimbursed through the Procurator of Catholic Missions at any of the free ports or Peking.

Without contradicting what I have said of the effects of the rains, the grain crop this year has for the most part been excellent throughout the immense plain of Sing-an Fu. The opium crop and especially the cotton crop have been a great failure, the latter having developed worms. The Mandarins have hit upon a new plan for the suppression of opium growth, which especially prevails along the Northern bank of the Wei River—all land destined for the plant is to be registered, and is to pay double tax in autumn, whether the plant is grown or not, but no one believes in this or any other measure, as there are too many interests involved.—*Chinese Times*.

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C. BOND,
Manager.

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Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$117 per share, buyers.

Yantai Insurance Association—Tls. 70 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$362 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$88 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$69 per cent. premium, sellers.

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Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$101.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—25 per cent. discount, buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$54 per share, sellers.

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Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$114 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$100 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$24 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$118 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, nominal.

Punjom and Sunphie Dual Samantan Mining Co.—25 per share, buyers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Ltd.—\$1.50 per share, sellers.

Imvris Mining Co., Ltd.—\$9 per share, sales and sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$121 per share, sellers.

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H. G. Brown & Co., Ltd.—\$52 per share, buyers.

The Sengat Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$7 per share, buyers.

Crickbank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nom.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

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The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$28 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$93 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$6 per share, sellers.

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The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$32 per share, sellers.

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$20 per share, sellers.

The Labak Planting Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, buyers.

The Leung Planting Co., Ltd.—\$15 per share, sellers.

The Jebleu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$21 per share, buyers.

The Shummen Hotel Co., Ltd.—nominal.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$19 per share, sellers.

The Trust and Loan Co. of China and Japan—\$10 per share.

The Hongkong Marine, Limited—par, nominal.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

NORDBEN, Norwegian steamer, 1368, C. Nielsen, 9th Sept., Kutchiquoi 4th Sept., Coals—Captain.

BENVENUE, British steamer, 1497, R. Thomson, 9th Sept., Kobe 4th Sept., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

TAISANO, British steamer, 1150, H. W. Jackson, 10th Sept., Whampoa 10th Sept., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KWANGLOO, Chinese steamer, 1400, Lincoln, 10th Sept., Shanghai 7th Sept., General—C. M. S. N. Co.

IRAOUADY, French steamer, 1991, Flandin, 10th Sept., Marseilles 10th Aug., Singapore 3rd Sept., and Saigon 7th, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

PEN-HAW, British bark, 229, T. Inokaya, 10th Sept., Camagong (Philippine Islands) 27th Aug., Legwood—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

DEPARTURES.

September 10, Glenavon, British steamer, for Manila.

September 10, Soochow, British str., for Saigon.

September 10, Clara, German steamer, for Hainan.

September 10, Thales, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

September 10, Callithin, British steamer, for Port Darwin, &c.

September 10, Diamante, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.

September 10, Peking, German steamer, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Iracowaddy, str., from Marseilles for Hongkong—Messrs. H. E. Wadman, G. F. Watts, C. Vincent, and C. Selman. From Batavia—Mr. Drummond. From Singapore—Messrs. Capelle, Oudot, Forrest, Needham, Campbell, and 6 Chinese. From Saigon—Messrs. Milot, Timonelli, and 18 Chinese. From Alexandria for Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. Korostowetz, infant and governess. From Marseilles for Yokohama—Messrs. Takahashi, C. Juhn, Lecharlier, Ida, Matsuyama, T. Toyoda, Shochi, Katto, Asaba, Yokomizo, I. Toyoda, Tokusa, and T. Teuda. From Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. Dawling, and Mr. Watson.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Bewusius* reports that she left Kobe on the 4th instant. Had moderate breeze from north-east and fine weather.

The Chinese steamship *Kwanglo* reports that she left Shanghai on the 7th instant. Had light to moderate winds with fine clear weather from port to port.

The French mail steamship *Iracowaddy* reports that she left Marseilles on the 20th ultimo, Singapore on the 3rd instant, and Saigon on the 7th. Stopped during 12 hours for a typhoon in the north and high sea.

The British bark *Penshaw* reports that she left Camagong (Philippine Islands) on the 27th ultimo. The first part of the passage had fine weather with light variable winds to lat. 20 north and long. 121.5 east; from there to port had squally weather with rain. Alternately fresh wind from eastward with a heavy swell.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Bangkok—Per *Deuawungse* to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 8.30 A.M.

For Shanghai, Kobe, and Yokohama—Per *Iracowaddy* to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 8.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Singapore, and Bangkok—Per *Phra Chom Klao* to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 8.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c., Australia, India, &c. Madras—Per *Coque* to-morrow, the 11th inst., at 11.00 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

ARRATON APCAR, British steamer, 1392, Spence, 6th Sept., Calcutta 21st Aug., Penang 28th, and Singapore 31st. Oplum and General—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.

BELOIC, British steamer, 4595, W. H. Walker, 6th Sept., San Francisco 12th Aug., and Yokohama 31st, Mails and General—O. & S. S. Co.

BRECKSHIRE, British steamer, 1648, Jackson, 7th Sept., Nagasaki 1st Sept., General and Coals—Adamson, Bell & Co.

CHEANG HYE TENG, British steamer, 922, W. M. Scott, 1st Sept., Singapore 24th Aug., Penang 28th, and Calcutta—Bun Hin Chan.

CHINA, German steamer, 1098, H. Bertelsen, 9th Sept., Saigon 4th Sept., Rice and Fish—Tung Kee.

CONGO, French steamer, 2017, Crocnet, 9th Sept., Shanghai 6th Sept., Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

CHUSAN, German steamer, 623, W. Wendt, 8th Sept., Saigon 3rd Sept., General—Melchers & Co.

CICERO, British steamer, 1030, A. George, 30th Aug., Peking 21st Aug., Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

DAPHNE, German steamer, 1959, T. Voss, 8th Sept., Hamburg, and Singapore 2nd Sept., General—Siemssen & Co.

DEWAWONGSE, British steamer, 1057, P. H. Loff, 31st Aug., Bangkok 25th Aug., General—Yuen Fat Hong.

HAIRLOON, British steamer, 783, F. D. Goddard, 9th Sept., Tamsui 5th Sept., Amoy 7th, and Swatow 8th, General—D. Laprak & Co.

KONG BANG, British steamer, 862, Jones, 5th Sept., Peking 21st Aug., General—Yuen Fat Hong.

MEIKOO, Chinese steamer, 1284, W. H. Lun, 7th Sept., Chefoo 1st Sept., Beans—C. M. S. N. Co.

MIKE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2080, F. J. Sommer, 2nd Sept., Nagasaki 28th Aug., Coals—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

MOUNT HERBON, British steamer, 1668, Elliott, 19th Aug., Haiphong 12th Aug., Ballast—Adamson, Bell & Co.

NIZAM, British steamer, 1519, Charles Gadd, 7th Sept., Bombay 21st Aug., and Singapore 1st Sept., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1011, J. Fowler, 4th Sept., Bangkok 28th Aug., Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.

TAILEE, German steamer, 828, Schuldt, 8th Sept., Singapore and Sept., General—Bun Hin Chan.

SAILING VESSELS.

ANNIE STAFFORD, British bark, 1297, Chas. S. Robinson, 20th July—New York and March, Petroleum—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

ASSYRIA, British bark, 1748, Wm. W. Leary, 9th Aug., Shanghai 13th July, Ballast—Melchers & Co.

CAMELOT, British bark, 370, Murphy, 3rd Sept., Singapore 26th Aug., Timber—Captain.

CHARON WATTANA, Siamese bark, 656, W. L. Cain, 1st Sept., Wah Hin 13th Aug., Timber and Sapwood—Cain.

CONSTANCE, British ship, 1502, P. R. Fingley, 4th Sept., New York 28th April, Parañaque—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ESCORT, American bark, 634, Lyle, 27th Aug., Rajahmundry, Timber—Chinese.

GALVESTON, German bark, 619, Jacobson, 19th Aug., Amoy and August, Ballast—Order.

GEORGE SKOTFIELD, American ship, 1276, A. S. Dunning, 11th July—New York 7th Feb., Kerosene Oil—Russell & Co.

J. D. BISHOP, German ship, 1803, H. Meyer, 7th Aug., Cardiff 3rd April, Coals—Order.

LANCERFIELD, British bark, 994, Burris, 7th Aug., New York 7th March, Kerosene Oil—Order.

MARCONI, British bark, 362, James Cummins, 11th Aug., Shanghai Bay (W.A.), 9th July, Sandalwood—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

N. B. LEWIS, British ship, 1325, B. F. Gallison, 5th Sept., Shanghai 1st Aug., Wool and Straw Braid—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.

OSAKA, British bark, 577, Jones, 2nd Sept., Cebu 14th Aug., Sugar—Wielor & Co.

RICHARD PARSONS, American bark, 1116, Geo. A. Freeman, 22nd June—New York 19th Feb., Kerosene Oil—Russell & Co.

SARA MERSEDES, Peruvian schooner, 245, A. Munizaga, 4th July—Saigon 27th June, Rice—Captain.

SICRAM, American ship, 1590, Woodliffe, 20th Aug., Russell & Co.

WALKER SIOVRIED, British bark, 394, Lawrence, 6th Sept., Newchwang 17th Aug., Beans—Butterfield & Swire.

WM. LE LACHUR, British bark, 575, E. Warner, 10th June—Lagaimanoe 9th June, Wood—Wielor & Co.

Intimations.

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Telegraphic Address: POWERS, Nagasaki.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1890. [571]

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Hongkong, 28th August, 1890. [1231]

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Hongkong, 28th August, 1890. [1230]

NOTICE.

THOMAS KERR & CO. ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS AND CONTRACTORS. YAU-MA-TI ENGINEERING WORKS, KOWLOON. OFFICE—No. 12, D'Agular Street. Hongkong, 25th August 1890. [246]

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H. BEYTT-ROPER, Business Manager. Hongkong, 9th September, 1890. [1257]

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By Order, A. G. GORDON & Co., Ltd., Managers. Hongkong, 1st September, 1890. [1249]

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TO LET. TOP FLOORS of No. 21 & 23, Pottinger Street, suitable for Offices or Photographic Studio.

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TO LET. No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 7, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 5, OLD BAILEY STREET. OFFICES and CHAMBERS in Connaught House, Queen's Road Central.

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D. GILLIES, Secretary. Hongkong, 25th August, 1890. [15]

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